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Dear Mary,

I have just learned by phone that the remaindering begun long ago. Harboro, for example, sold them all out before yesterday, when my friend checked after having by accident seen two copies, all that they then had, at Barnes & Noble. He bought one and has the receipt.

Now, unless the man at Harboro is grossly wrong, they began remaindering them even before they finally sent me a copy of the contract. It give me, personally, access to their books. Probably as soon as I get a chance I will write and notify them of my intention. I anticipate they'll start cooking them, and that I'll be able to catch them doing it.

But in any event, after getting the date of the contract of sale for the remainders, if can check with the puchasers.

It seems there are only crooks in the world. These bastards are so crooked their remaindering cost them money. They could have sold me the negatives and plates under the contract and I imagine I can now sue them for the value of all, the total of the difference between the remaindered wholesale price of the books and the retail price, the cost of replacing the negatives and plates, etc.

Friend overdue. It has been very foggy here all a.m. and perhaps the planes were stacked. Anyway, as soon as he comes, before we have lunch (now 1 p.m.) I have to do some shopping for Bill and I'll then mail this.

Best,